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This Second Supplemental Preliminary Amendment seeks to place this application in condition for allowance. Claim 167 has been amended. No new matter has been added.

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being mailed concurrently herewith. A copy of the IDS and modified form PTO-1449 is included herewith.

It should be noted that three (3) of the documents listed in the PTO-1449 have been brought to the Applicants' attention by way of the plaintiff in a proceeding pending U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware, namely in Micron Technology Inc. V. Rambus Inc. The plaintiff identified the documents as prior art against the inventions claimed in, among others, U.S. Patent 6,038,195. The '195 Patent is related to the instant Application through a common lineage of Applications which relate back to Application Serial No. 07/510,898.

## CONCLUSION

Applicants request entry of the foregoing amendment prior to examination of this application. Applicants submit that all of the claims present patentable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all of the claims.

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